

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-8. Cancelled (without disclaimer or prejudice).

9. (Currently Amended) A method for securing a fur ~~on~~to a pelting board which is temporarily fastened ~~in~~to a pelting board holder, ~~where by~~ the fur is ~~being~~ placed on the pelting board, comprising:

retaining an end parts of the fur with a fur holder;

stretching the fur is stretched placed on the pelting board to a desired length; while the end part is retained in the fur holder; and while ~~so that~~ the end part of the fur is fixed on the pelting board; and

~~by-winding with~~ a winding material around the fur to retain the fur in a stretched position including retaining the fur after the pelting board is removed from the pelting board holder.

10. (Previously Presented) A method in accordance with claim 9 wherein the winding material is a band.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for fixing a fur ~~on~~to a pelting board comprising a pelting board holder, a fur holder and a band winding unit, and wherein the band winding unit is movable around the pelting board holder for retaining the fur to the pelting board after the pelting board is removed from the pelting board holder.

12. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the band winding unit includes a supply reel arranged on a guide ring of the band winding unit.

13. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the supply reel comprises a brake.

14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the band winding unit is displaceable in relation to the pelting board holder and in a longitudinal direction of the pelting board.

15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the fur holder is displaceably in relation to the pelting board holder and in the longitudinal direction of the pelting board.

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the fur holder includes grippers for retaining the fur.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9 comprising an elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a stretched condition.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10 comprising an elastic

elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a stretched condition.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 11 comprising an elastic

elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a stretched condition.

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 12 comprising an elastic

elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a stretched condition.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 13 comprising an elastic

elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a stretched condition.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 14 comprising an elastic
elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer
of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a
stretched condition.

23. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 15 comprising an elastic
elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer
of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a
stretched condition.

24. (Currently Amended) An apparatus in accordance with claim 16 comprising an elastic
elastic band-shaped winding material and ~~locking~~ which locks an outer layer
of the material to an inner layer of the material while the material is itself in a
stretched condition.

25-26. (Cancelled)